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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

SENATE BILL

No. 13

Introduced by Senator Wyland
(Coauthor: Senator Strickland)

December 9, 2008

An act to add Section 8543.9 to the Government Code, relating to the State Auditor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 13, as amended, Wyland. State Auditor: duties.

(1) Under existing law, the Bureau of State Audits has statutory audit and evaluation duties.

This bill would require the State Auditor, on or before January 1, 2010, and every 2 years thereafter, to conduct a performance evaluation of every state government program and expenditure, and submit a report of the results of that evaluation to the Legislature. This bill would also require the State Auditor to make the report easily available to the public, and the Legislature to appropriate funds to the State Auditor sufficient to fulfill these duties.

(2) The California Constitution authorizes the Governor to declare a fiscal emergency and to call the Legislature into special session for that purpose. The Governor issued a proclamation declaring a fiscal emergency, and calling a special session for this purpose, on December 1, 2008.

This bill would state that it addresses the fiscal emergency declared by the Governor by proclamation issued on December 1, 2008, pursuant to the California Constitution.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8543.9 is added to the Government Code,
2 to read:
3 8543.9. (a) On or before January 1, 2010, and every two years
4 thereafter, the State Auditor shall conduct a performance evaluation
5 of every state government program and expenditure, and submit
6 a report of the results of that performance evaluation to the
7 Legislature.
8 (b) A performance evaluation, for purposes of this section, shall
9 include, but is not limited to, all of the following:
10 (1) A description of the funding, including all sources, used to
11 fund the program or expenditure.
12 (2) A statement of the purpose of the program or expenditure,
13 including the goals of the program or expenditure and the
14 Legislature's intent at the time the program or expenditure was
15 created.
16 (3) A discussion of the history of the program or expenditure,
17 including significant changes to the program or expenditure.
18 (4) An evaluation of the success of the program or expenditure,
19 including an explanation of the ~~methodology~~ *methods* used to
20 evaluate success.
21 (5) Recommendations on how the program or expenditure can
22 be more efficient and effective, or if the program or expenditure
23 should be eliminated.
24 (6) Any other information or evaluation the State Auditor deems
25 appropriate.
26 (c) The State Auditor shall make the report prepared pursuant
27 to subdivision (a) easily available to the public.
28 (d) The Legislature shall appropriate funds to the State Auditor
29 sufficient to fulfill the duties of this section.
30 SEC. 2. This act addresses the fiscal emergency declared by
31 the Governor by proclamation on December 1, 2008, pursuant to
32 subdivision (f) of Section 10 of Article IV of the California
33 Constitution.

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